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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Michael Grobbel, et al.

Applic. No. : 09/351,608

Filed : July 12, 1999

Title : Process for Producing a Floor Covering, Floor Covering and Plant for Carrying Out the Process

Examiner : Norca L. Torres-Velazquez

Group Art Unit : 1771

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,  
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S i r :

Responsive to the Office action dated March 12, 2001, kindly  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 32 (amended). A floor covering, comprising:

a base layer formed of a non-woven; and